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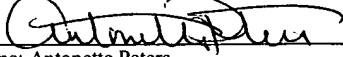
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Applicant: MORIWAKI et al. Serial No.: 10/551,898
Filed: October 4, 2005 Docket No.: 10873.1788USWO
Title: MEDICAL NEEDLE DEVICE WITH WINGED SHIELD (AS AMENDED)

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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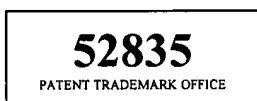
JP 6-7861 is equivalent to JP 1-212561, abstract provided

JP 3198492 is equivalent to JP 7-75671, abstract provided

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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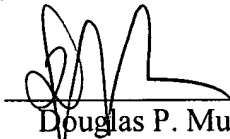


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